

In the Claims

1. (Canceled)

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3. (Currently amended) A method for returning files to a user of an enterprise application, comprising the steps of:

requesting the loading of a file set comprising a list of one or more files each stored under a predetermined path and filename identified in said list;

determining if the files listed in the requested file set are in an archive format or a directory tree format;

creating a loading strategy based on said determination;

creating a virtual archive using the loading strategy, the virtual archive comprising a stored list of proxies enabling the files identified in the requested file set to be located; and upon the execution of a save function, performing a deferred copying process on contents of all of said one or more files in said file set, and storing them the contents to an archive on disk, wherein the contents are retrieved by one of said loading strategies in said virtual archive, and returning said virtual archive to said user.

4. (Currently amended) A system for returning files to a user of an enterprise application, comprising:

means for requesting the loading of a file set comprising a list of one or more files each stored under a predetermined path and filename identified in said list;

means for determining if the files listed in the requested file set are in an archive format or a directory tree format;

means for creating a loading strategy based on said determination;

means for creating a virtual archive using the loading strategy, the virtual archive comprising a stored list of proxies enabling the files identified in the requested file set to be located; and

upon the execution of a save function, means for performing a deferred copying process on contents of all of said one or more files in said file set, and storing them the contents to an archive on disk, wherein the contents are retrieved by one of said loading strategies in said virtual archive, and returning said virtual archive to said user.

5. (Currently amended) A computer program product for returning files to a user of an enterprise application, the computer program product comprising a computer-readable storage medium having computer-readable program code embodied in the medium, the computer-readable program code comprising:

computer-readable program code that requests the loading of a file set comprising a list of one or more files each stored under a predetermined path and filename identified in said list;

computer-readable program code that determines if the files listed in the requested file set are in an archive format or a directory tree format;

computer-readable program code that creates a loading strategy based on said determination;

computer-readable program code that creates a virtual archive using the loading strategy,
the virtual archive comprising a stored list of proxies enabling the files identified in the requested
file set to be located; and

upon the execution of a save function, computer-readable program code that ~~eopies~~
performs a deferred copying process on contents of all of said one or more files in said file set,
and storing them the contents to an archive on disk, wherein the contents are retrieved by one of
said loading strategies in said virtual archive, and returning said virtual archive to said user.